

Deadline Approaching for Float Startup Money at SWOSU

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Organizations competing in the float competition at this fall's homecoming parade at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford will have a chance to win big money.

This year's first place winner will receive \$1,300, which is an increase of \$300 from last year. Second place winner will receive \$800 and third place winner will receive \$500. The competition is open to anyone and is not limited to SWOSU organizations.

"The SWOSU Alumni Association wanted to increase the prize amounts this year because of the earlier homecoming date and the pressure that is put on student organizations to prepare by September 24," said Brandi Gateley, assistant director for alumni and development at SWOSU.

Like the previous five years, there will be startup money available for student organizations that submit a float proposal. A float committee will select a maximum of six proposals, each receiving up to \$200 in matching money to help purchase additional supplies for the construction of a float. This is money to supplement what organizations are already spending on float supplies.

The application deadline for a share of the startup money is coming up Thursday, September 1. Float allocation request forms are available in the SWOSU Public Relations & Marketing Office and should be returned to that office in Room 205 of the Administration Building.

Theme for this year's homecoming on September 24 is "Hear Our Growl...Feel Our Bite!" The annual parade will be held at a different time this year, beginning at 2:30 p.m. in downtown Weatherford. The Bulldog football team will then entertain the Tarleton State Texans later that evening at 6 p.m.